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Inventor(s): Timothy A. Gessert)
Patent No.: 6,281,035) Art Unit: 2812
Issue Date: August 28, 2001) Examiner:
Title: Ion-Beam Treatment to Prepare Surfaces)
of p-CdTe Films) Atty Dkt No.: NREL 96-48

PETITION TO REVIEW DECISION REFUSING TO ACCEPT AND
RECORD PAYMENT OF A MAINTENANCE FEE FILED PRIOR TO
EXPIRATION OF PATENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.377

To: Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

Applicant in the above-identified application hereby petitions the Commissioner under 37 C.F.R. § 1.377 to review decision refusing to accept and record payment of maintenance fee filed prior to expiration of patent.

Applicant requests reinstatement of the above-referenced patent due to an error on the part of the Patent Office, wherein the Patent Office claims that payment of the maintenance fee was not received timely prior to the end of the six month grace period in accordance with 37 CFR 1.362(e).

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On February 17, 2005, Applicant received a transmission from the Office of Finance-Receipts Accounting Division with a Notification of Non-Acceptance of Patent Maintenance Fee, wherein their records indicated that the entity status on this patent was large. Applicant had authorized payment of the maintenance fee on February 3, 2005 as a small entity. Applicant responded to the Notice by transmission to the Office of Finance on March 3, 2005 with a Communication and attachments including: Postcard receipt dated October 14, 1999, Statement Claiming Small Entity Status and a Request for Refund, dated October 8, 1999.

Applicant received a Notice of Patent Expiration on October 12, 2005.

Applicant failed to respond to the Notice of Patent Expiration due to an oversight. The oversight has only now been brought to the attention of the Applicant who now wishes to petition for revival of the patent.

Applicant encloses copies of the following:

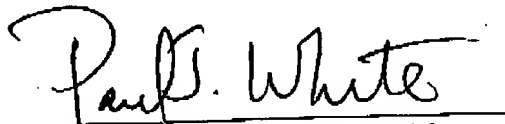
1. Transmission of the Office of Finance-Receipts Account Division cover sheet; Notification of Non-Acceptance of Patent Maintenance Fee; and the Maintenance Fee Transmittal Form [3 pages]
2. Copy of the Transmission cover sheet to the Office of Finance, which included: Communication; Copy of Notification of Non-Acceptance of Patent Maintenance Fee; postcard receipt, dated October 14, 1999; Statement Claiming Small Entity Status, dated October 8, 1999; and Request for Refund, dated October 8, 1999.
3. Postcard receipt, dated February 9, 2005
4. Notice of Patent Expiration, dated September 28, 2005.

WHEREFORE, Applicant requests the Commissioner to grant this Petition and to accept the timely payment of the first maintenance fee.

Applicant request that the petition fee be refunded if the refusal to accept and record the maintenance fee is determined to result from an error by the Patent Office. Applicant authorizes the Patent Office to charge said petition fee to Applicant's Deposit Account No. 14-0460.

If any other issues remain to be resolved, please contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

Dated: December 7, 2006.


Paul J. White, Reg. No. 30,436
Attorney for Applicant

National Renewable Energy Laboratory
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Inventor(s): Timothy A. Gessert

Patent No.: 6,281,035

Issue Date: August 28, 2001

Title: Ion-Beam Treatment to Prepare Surfaces
of p-CdTe Films)
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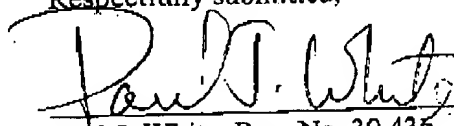
STATEMENT

Applicant states that a Maintenance Fee Transmittal Form was mailed on February 3, 2005 to the Patent Office authorizing the payment of the first maintenance fee through Applicant's Deposit Account in the above-referenced patent. A postcard receipt was received in Applicant's office from the Patent Office on February 9, 2005 illustrating the Patent Office postmark. Applicant points out that the other four patents listed on the Transmittal Form where properly charged their fees. Applicant timely responded to the Office of Finance questioned on the entity status of the patent indicating that the patent had been previously declared small entity and the Patent Office was in error. Applicant states that the failure of the Patent Office to charge the maintenance fee payment resulted in the expiration of the patent and is not the fault of the Applicant.

The undersigned declares that all statements made herein are true and correct, and that these statements are made with the knowledge that willful false statements, and the like so made, are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001, Title 18 of the United States Code, and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issuing thereon.

Dated: December 7, 2006.

Respectfully submitted,


Paul J. White, Reg. No. 30,436
Attorney for Applicant



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Office of Finance-Receipts Accounting Division

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~ Status & Entity Branch (Patent Maintenance Fees)

To: Brenda Brantley From: D. Galloway

Fax: 303-304-7499 Date: 2-17-05

Re: CC:

No. of pages to follow: 3

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COMMENTS:

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NOTIFICATION OF NON-ACCEPTANCE OF PATENT MAINTENANCE FEE

IN RE PATENT NUMBER: 6281035

PAYMENT RECEIVED IN THE MAILROOM: 02/15/05

The Maintenance Fee payment was not accepted due to the following reason(s):

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- ☐ The fee was previously paid on
- ☐ The fee was paid too early. Pursuant to 37CFR 1.362(d), the payment window will open
- ☐ Pursuant to 37 CFR 1.326(a), 1.362(b), the patent is not subject to maintenance fees.
- ☐ An invalid or incorrect serial/ patent number was submitted for payment.
- ☐ The above cited patent number was reissued. In accordance with 37 CFR 1.366(d), the reissue patent and serial number must be provided to complete the required maintenance fee.
- ☐ Pursuant to 37 CFR 1.366(b), you must provide us with an additional 0.00 to complete the required maintenance fee. Maintenance fees were adjusted this fiscal year. A copy of the new fee schedule is attached for your information.
- ☒ Our records indicate that the entity status on this patent is large.
Pursuant to 37 CFR 1.366(f), you must submit a written assertion claiming small entity or provide an additional \$ 0.00 in order to complete the required maintenance fee for large entity.
- ☐ The entity status for the patent is currently small, however the maintenance fee payment submitted was for large entity. If the entity status is now large, a written assertion claiming large entity status must accompany the maintenance fee payment. Small entity payment was applied to the above patent, pending response from customer regarding large entity status. The balance was refunded as noted below.
- ☐ An excess payment of \$ 0.00 has been credited to your deposit account #
- ☐ Your check # in the amount of \$ 0.00 was credited back to your deposit account #
- ☐ A Treasury check or Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT) refund will be issued back to you in the amount of \$ 0.00
- ☐ Pursuant to 37 CFR 1.362(e), as of a surcharge amount of 0.00 must be submitted to complete the required maintenance fee. If not received by the patent will expire.
- ☐ The above cited patent expired on . Expired patents may be reinstated in accordance with 37.CFR 1.378.
- ☐ Your deposit account was not charged. The documentation you submitted for payment is being returned herewith.
- ☐ Your credit card was not charged. See attached document for details.

D. Galloway
Signature (703) 308-50

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MAINTENANCE FEE TRANSMITTAL FORM

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I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service with sufficient postage as first class mail in an envelope addressed to "United States Patent and Trademark Office, P.O. Box 371611, Pittsburgh, PA 15250-1811" ON February 3, 2005

Signature

Brenda E. Brantley

Typed or printed name Brenda E. Brantley

Enclosed herewith is the payment of the maintenance fee(s) for the listed patent(s).

1. ☐ A check for the amount of \$ _____ for the full payment of the maintenance fee(s) and any necessary surcharge on the following patents is enclosed.
2. ☒ The Director is hereby authorized to charge \$ 2250.00 to cover the payment of the fee(s) indicated below to Deposit Account No. 14-0460
3. ☒ The Director is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency in the payment of the required fee(s) or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 14-0460
4. ☐ Payment by credit card. Form PTO-2038 is attached.

* Information required by 37 CFR 1.366(e) (columns 1 & 4). Information requested under 37 CFR 1.366(d) (columns 2, 3, 5, & 6)

Item	Patent Number	Maintenance Fee Amount (37 CFR 1.20 (e)-(g))	Surcharge Amount (37 CFR 1.20 (h)-(i))	U.S. Application Number (08/555,555)	Payment Year			Small Entity?
					3.5 yrs	7.5 yrs	11.5 yrs	
1	6,275,060	450.00		09/283,738	X			Yes
2	6,275,295	450.00		09/302,727	X			Yes
3	6,277,589	450.00		09/316,172	X			Yes
4	6,281,035	450.00		08/937,721	X			Yes
5	6,281,426	450.00		09/615,297	X			Yes
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☐ additional sheets attached for listing additional patents.

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Respectfully submitted***:

Customer's name: PAUL J. WHITE
Telephone: 303-384-7575
Fax: 303/384-7499

Customer's Signature:

Registration Number, if applicable:

Note: "All correspondence will be forwarded to the 'Fee Address' or to the 'Correspondence Address' if no 'Fee Address' has been provided. 37 CFR 1.383.
* Payment of small entity fee is appropriate if small entity status still exists. see 37 CFR 1.27(g). To establish small entity status or to change status from small to large entity, note the requirements of 37 CFR 1.27 and 1.33(b).
*** WHERE MAINTENANCE FEE PAYMENTS ARE TO BE MADE BY AUTHORIZATION TO CHARGE A DEPOSIT ACCOUNT, BOTH CUSTOMER'S NAME AND SIGNATURE ARE REQUIRED.

This collection of information is required by 37 CFR 1.366. The information is required to obtain or retain a benefit by the public which is to file (and by the USPTO to process) an application. Confidentiality is governed by 35 U.S.C. 122 and 37 CFR 1.14. This collection is estimated to take 0.9 minutes to complete, including gathering, preparing, and submitting the completed application form to the USPTO. Time will vary depending upon the individual case. Any comments on the amount of time you require to complete this form and/or suggestions for reducing this burden should be sent to the Chief Information Officer U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, U.S. Department of Commerce, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA, 22313-1450. DO NOT SEND FEES OR COMPLETED FORMS TO THIS ADDRESS. SEND TO: United States Patent and Trademark Office, P.O. Box 371611, Pittsburgh, PA 15250-1811.

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From: Brenda Brantley

To: D. Galloway

Company: U.S. Patent & Trademark Office
Office of Finance - Receipts Accounting Division
Deposit Account Branch - Refund Branch**FAXED**
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Our Fax No.: 303/384-7499

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For Questions Call: Brenda Brantley, 303/384-7572

RE: Pat. No. 6,281,035

Attached items:

1. Communication
2. Copy of Notification of Non-Acceptance of Patent Maintenance Fee
3. Postcard receipt stamped-dated by USPTO October 14, 1999
4. Statement Claiming Small Entity Status, dated October 8, 1999
5. Request for Refund, dated October 8, 1999

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UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Timothy A. Gessert)
Patent No.: 6,281,035)
Issued: August 28, 2001)
Title: Ion-Beam Treatment to Prepare) Atty. Dkt. No.: NREL 96-48
Surfaces of p-CdTe Films)

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COMMUNICATION

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Attn: D. Galloway - Office of Finance-Receipt Accounting Division

This communication is in response to receiving on February 23, 2005 a Notification of Non-Acceptance of Patent Maintenance Fee in the above-identified patent, wherein the Office of Finance indicated that their records showed that the entity status on this patent is large.

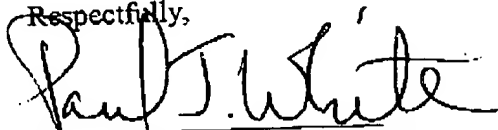
On February 3, 2005, Applicant filed a Maintenance Fee Transmittal Form indicating that the above-identified patent was under a small entity status.

In response to the Notification, Applicant submits copies of the following documents, which indicate that small entity status was previously filed with the U.S. Patent Office (USPTO).

- 1) Postcard receipt stamped-dated by USPTO October 14, 1999
- 2) Statement Claiming Small Entity Status, dated October 8, 1999
- 3) Request for Refund, dated October 7, 1999 (Please note refund was never received)

Applicant request the Office of Finance to examine the above listed documents and correct the records to indicate small entity status for the above identified patent.

Respectfully,



Paul J. White, Reg. No. 30,436
Senior Patent Counsel

Dated: March 3, 2005

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303/384-7575
303/384-7499 (fax)

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The stamp of the U.S. Patent & Trademark Office hereon will acknowledge receipt of:

1. Statement Claiming Small Entity Status for Non-Profit Organization (1 page)
2. Request for Refund (3 pages)

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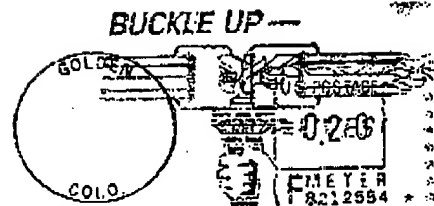
Re: Timothy A. Gessert

SN 08/937,721

Filed: 9/25/97

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Title: Ion-Beam Treatment to Prepare Surfaces
of p-CdTe Films



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STATEMENT CLAIMING SMALL ENTITY STATUS (37 CFR 11.91(f) & 1.27(d))-NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION		Docket Number (Optional) NREL 96-48
Applicant, Patentee, or Identifier: <u>Timothy A. Gessert</u> Application or Patent No.: <u>08/937,721</u> Filed or Issued: <u>Filed September 25, 1997</u> Title: <u>Ion-Beam Treatment to Prepare Surfaces of p-CdTe Films</u>		
I hereby state that I am an official empowered to act on behalf of the nonprofit organization identified below: NAME OF NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION <u>Midwest Research Institute</u> ADDRESS OF NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION <u>425 Volker Blvd.</u> <u>Kansas City, Mo 64110</u>		
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I hereby state that the nonprofit organization identified above qualifies as a nonprofit organization as defined in 37 CFR 1.9(a) for purposes of paying reduced fees to the United States Patent and Trademark Office regarding the invention described in: <input type="checkbox"/> the specification filed herewith with title as listed above. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> the application identified above. <input type="checkbox"/> the patent identified above.		
I hereby state that rights under contract or law have been conveyed to and remain with the nonprofit organization regarding the above identified invention. If the rights held by the nonprofit organization are not exclusive, each individual, concern, or organization having rights in the invention must file separate statements as to their status as small entities and that no rights to the invention are held by any person, other than the inventor, who would not qualify as an independent inventor under 37 CFR 1.9(c) if that person made the invention, or by any concern which would not qualify as a small business concern under 37 CFR 1.9(d) or a nonprofit organization under 37 CFR 1.9(e).		
Each person, concern, or organization having any rights in the invention is listed below: <input type="checkbox"/> no such person, concern, or organization exists. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> each such person, concern, or organization is listed below.		
I acknowledge the duty to file, in this application or patent, notification of any change in status resulting in loss of entitlement to small entity status prior to paying, or at the time of paying, the earliest of the issue fee or any maintenance fee due after the date on which status as a small entity is no longer appropriate. (37 CFR 1.28(b))		
NAME OF PERSON SIGNING <u>Ken Richardson</u> TITLE IN ORGANIZATION OF PERSON SIGNING <u>Assistant Chief Patent Counsel</u> ADDRESS OF PERSON SIGNING <u>NREL, 1617 Cole Blvd., Golden, CO 80401</u> SIGNATURE _____ DATE <u>October 7, 1999</u>		

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Applicant(s): Timothy A. Gessert)
 Application Serial No.: 08/937,721) Art Group No.: 2812
 Filing Date: September 25, 1997) Examiner: S. Mulpuri
 Patent No.:) Issued:
 Title:) Atty. Dkt. No.: NREL 96-48
 Ion-Beam Treatment to Prepare Surfaces of p-CdTe)
 Films)

REQUEST FOR REFUND
(Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.28(a))

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Attn: Refund Section, Accounting Division, Office of Finance

I. SUBMISSION OF SMALL ENTITY STATEMENT *(complete (a) or (b))*

- (a) ☒ Attached is a statement claiming small entity status in this application.
 (b) ☐ A statement claiming small entity was filed in this application on _____

II. REFUND REQUEST

This request for refund is made within two months of the date a fee was paid in this application on August 23, 1999, in the amount of \$ 870.00

Note: The two-month period (§ 1.28(a)) is not included in the provisions for extension under 37 CFR § 1.136 because it is not a period for response. Notice of November 30, 1989, 49 FR 548, January 4, 1984, 37 CFR § 1.28(a).

III. FEES PAID FOR WHICH REFUND REQUESTED

Amount of Refund
Requested

- ☐ Filing fee \$ _____
- ☐ Surcharge for filing the basic filing fee on a date later than the filing date of the application (37 CFR § 1.16(e) or 37 CFR § 1.16(l)) \$ _____

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- ☐ Surcharge for filing the oath or declaration on a date later than the filing date of the application (37 CFR § 1.16(e)) \$ _____
- ☐ Surcharge for filing the basic filing fee on a date later than the filing date of the provisional application (37 CFR §§ 1.51(c)(1) and 1.16(l)) \$ _____
- ☐ Surcharge for filing the cover sheet on a date later than the filing date of the provisional application (37 CFR §§ 1.51(c)(1) and 1.16(l)) \$ _____
- ☒ Extension of term \$ _____
- ☐ first month \$ _____
- ☐ second month \$ _____
- ☒ third month \$435.00
- ☐ fourth month \$ _____
- ☐ fifth month \$ _____
- ☐ Excess claims \$ _____
- ☐ Petition fee \$ _____
- ☐ Issue fee \$ _____
- ☐ Patent maintenance fee \$ _____
- ☐ First maintenance fee \$ _____
- ☐ Second maintenance fee \$ _____
- ☐ Third maintenance fee \$ _____
- ☐ Patent maintenance fee surcharge \$ _____
- ☐ Other \$ _____

Note: The refund provisions of § 1.28(a), for later submitted small entity statements, apply to maintenance fees. Notice of July 30, 1984, 1046 O.G. 28-37.

TOTAL REFUND REQUESTED \$435.00

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IV. MANNER OF REFUND

Please make refund by

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☐ Refunding overpayment

Dated: October 7, 1999
Ken Richardson, Reg. No. 37,378
Attorney for Applicants

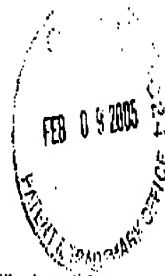
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(1) Maintenance Fee Transmittal Form

Re: Timothy Gessert	U.S. Pat. No. 6,281,035
Michael Seibert et al.	U.S. Pat. No. 6,277,589
Bhushan Sopori	U.S. Pat. No. 6,275,295
Richard Ahrenkiel et al.	U.S. Pat. No. 6,275,060
Jerry M. Olson et al.	U.S. Pat. No. 6,281,426

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NOTICE OF PATENT EXPIRATION

According to the records of the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO), payment of the maintenance fee for the patent(s) listed below has not been received timely prior to the end of the six-month grace period in accordance with 37 CFR 1.362(e). THE PATENT(S) LISTED BELOW HAS THEREFORE EXPIRED AS OF THE END OF THE GRACE PERIOD. 35 U.S.C. 41(b). Notice of the expiration will be published in the USPTO Official Gazette.

Expired patents may be reinstated in accordance with 37 CFR 1.378 if upon petition, the maintenance fee and the surcharge set forth in 37 CFR 1.20(i) are paid, AND the delay in payment of the maintenance fee is shown to the satisfaction of the Director to have been unavoidable or unintentional. 35 U.S.C. 41(c)(1).

If the Director accepts payment of the maintenance fee and surcharge upon petition under 37 CFR 1.378, the patent shall be considered as not having expired but would be subject to the intervening rights and conditions set forth in 35 U.S.C. 41(c)(2).

For instructions on filing a petition under 37 CFR 1.378 to reinstate an expired patent, you may call the USPTO Contact Center at 800-786-9199 or 703-308-4357.

PATENT NUMBER	U.S. APPLICATION NUMBER	PATENT ISSUE DATE	APPLICATION FILING DATE	EXPIRATION DATE	ATTORNEY DOCKET NUMBER
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